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v.

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§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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157 JUDICIAL DISTRICT

OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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OVERVIEW OF THE CASE

23. This class action seeks redress for a nationwide scheme of consumer misrepresentation practices by Pepsi Co., Inc. ("Pepsi") and The Coca Cola Company, Inc. ("Coca-Cola") (Defendants are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants") related to the marketing, labeling, and sale of bottled water. This complaint is brought on behalf of all persons who have or purchased and consumed Aquafina bottled water, manufactured by Pepsi, and/or Dasani bottled water, manufactured Coca Cola. Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages and other remedies for Defendants' fraudulent, unfair and deceptive acts and practices described herein in connection with

the marketing, labeling and sale of Aqualina and Dasani bottled water. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' knowingly engaged in misleading marketing practices, including not clearly identifying on the labels of their respective bottled waters, that the source of the water is the same source as public water, resulting in misleading Plaintiffs that said water comes from spring sources. Plaintiffs further allege that Defendants online information misrepresents and purposely obscures the fact that the water is obtained from the same sources as tap water which is readily available to the public for no cost. Plaintiffs allege that Pepsi's decision to label its Aquafina bottled water as "P.W.S.", and provide on its online site that its water is from "a source regulated by the EPA" is a knowing act designed to mislead and/or create a likelihood of confusion as to the source, standard, grade, characteristics and quality of its product. Plaintiffs allege that Coca Cola's label of "purified" water, and its online site information that its water is from "local sources" is a knowing act designed to mislead and/or create a likelihood of confusion as to the source, standard, quality, grade, characteristics and quality of its product.

24. Defendants engaged in unfair and deceptive conduct in which they purposely caused the likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding as to the source, standard, grade, characteristics and quality of their goods, and engaged in acts and practices which were deceptive to the consumer and to other persons.

25. Defendants intentionally created a false impression by their marketing schemes designed to mislead Plaintiffs or to obtain an undue advantage over them. Said false impression was made with knowledge of its falsity and with a fraudulent intent. Said impression and representation was to an existing fact which is material and Plaintiffs reasonably relied upon that false impression to their injury.

COMMON LAW FRAUD

26. Plaintiff further shows that Defendants made material false representations to Plaintiff with the knowledge of their falsity or with reckless disregard of the truth with the intention that such representations be acted upon by Plaintiff, and that Plaintiff relied on these representations to her detriment.

27. Plaintiff would further show that Defendants concealed or failed to disclose material facts within the knowledge of Defendants, that Defendants knew that Plaintiff did not have knowledge of the same and did not have equal opportunity to discover the truth, and that Defendants intended to induce Plaintiff to enter into the transaction made the basis of this suit by such concealment or failure to disclose.

28. As a proximate result of such fraud, Plaintiff sustained the damages described more fully herein below.

NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

29. Plaintiff would show that Defendants supplied false information in the course of their business, profession or employment, or in the course of a transaction in which Defendants have a pecuniary interest, and that such information was supplied by Defendants for the guidance of Plaintiff in the transactions described hereinabove. Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care or competence in obtaining or communicating such information. Plaintiff avers that Plaintiff suffered pecuniary loss, described more fully hereinbelow, which was proximately caused by Plaintiff's justifiable reliance on such information.

30. Plaintiff therefore asserts a cause of action for negligent misrepresentation against Defendants, as provided by Federal Land Bank Association of Tyler v. Sloane, 825 S.W.2d 439 (Tex. 1991).

ECONOMIC AND ACTUAL DAMAGES

31. Plaintiff sustained the following economic and actual damages as a result of the actions and/or omissions of Defendants described hereinabove:

- (a) Out-of-pocket expenses, including but not limited to the purchase price of the water
- (b) Loss of the "benefit of the bargain."

MULTIPLE DAMAGES

32. Plaintiff would show that the false, misleading and deceptive acts, practices and/or omissions complained of herein were committed "knowingly" in that Defendants had actual awareness of the falsity, deception, or unfairness of such acts, practices, and/or omissions.

33. Plaintiff further avers that such acts, practices, and/or omissions were committed "intentionally" in that Defendants specifically intended that Plaintiff act in detrimental reliance on the falsity or deception or in detrimental ignorance of the unfairness.

34. Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to recover multiple damages as provided by 17.50(b)(1) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

CLASS ACTION

35. Plaintiff requests that the Court enter an order under Rule 42 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure permitting the maintenance of this lawsuit as a class action, and authorizing Plaintiff to represent the following class: all persons who have or purchased and consumed Aquafina bottled water, manufactured by Pepsi, and/or Dasani bottled water, manufactured Coca Cola. (herein, the "Class Plaintiffs").

36. In this regard, Plaintiff would show the following: (a) the Class Plaintiffs are so

numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law or fact common to the class; (c) the claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class Plaintiffs; and (d) Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

37. Plaintiff would further show that this lawsuit is maintainable as a class action with respect to the Class Plaintiffs in that:

(a) The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the class which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the party opposing the class.

(b) The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of adjudications with respect to individual members of the class which would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudications or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

(c) The party opposing the class has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief to the class as a whole.

ATTORNEY'S FEES

38. Request is made for all costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by or on behalf of Plaintiff herein, including all fees necessary in the event of an appeal of this cause to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas, as the Court deems equitable and just, as provided by common law.

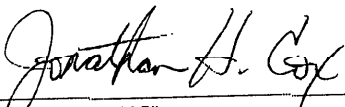
PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs, respectfully prays that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendants, jointly and severally, for the economic and actual damages requested hereinabove in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of

the Court, together with prejudgment and postjudgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law, attorney's fees, costs of court, and such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity, whether pled or unpled.

Respectfully submitted,

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PLAINTIFF HEREBY DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY

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COMPANY INC.	§	
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NOTICE OF FILING OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO: Plaintiffs, by and through their attorney of record, Jonathan H. Cox, The Cox Law Firm, P.C., 402 Main Street, 3 South, Houston, Texas 77002.


Honorable Judge Randy Wilson.

Mr. Charles Bacarisse
District Clerk
Harris County Courthouse
201 Caroline Street
Houston, Texas 77002]

Defendant Pepsi Co., Inc. hereby gives notice to the parties referenced above, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), of the filing of a notice of removal in both federal and state court, removing this cause of action from the 157th District Court of Harris County, Texas to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. A copy of the Notice of Removal is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this the 20th day of September, 2007, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was properly forwarded to the following counsel of record in accordance with Rule 21 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure as indicated below:

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, 1446, and 1453, defendant, PepsiCo, Inc. ("PepsiCo") files this Notice of Removal of the civil action filed by Plaintiffs to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. Defendant PepsiCo expressly reserves all of its rights to the Plaintiffs' claims, including but not limited to its right to

object to venue in this District and its rights to move, abate, or dismiss this lawsuit on any and all grounds whatsoever. In support of its Notice of Removal, Defendant PepsiCo states as follows:

NATURE OF THE STATE COURT ACTION

1. Defendant PepsiCo has been sued in a proposed class action captioned, *Christina Villa, Regina Kelly, Wanda R. Banks, Richard Banks, Kathy Jones Banks, Emma Williams, Samantha Townsend, Lawanda Holts, Mary Brewster, Rosalind Basile, Johnnie Mae Byrd, Carolyn Hayes, Linda Walker, Dasha Alexander v. Pepsi Co., Inc and The Coca Cola Company Inc.*, as Cause No. 2007-46796, in the District Court of the 157th Judicial District of Harris County, Texas (the "State Court Action").

2. The Complaint, filed August 2, 2007, seeks certification of a class of persons to redress allegations of common law fraud and negligent misrepresentation. All pleadings and answers to such pleadings for Cause No. 2007-46796 are attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference. See Local Rule 81(2).

3. The Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury in the State Court Action.

4. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) this Notice of Removal is timely filed.

REMOVAL UNDER 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1453

5. This action is removable under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1453(b), as one over which the Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2) because (i) it is a civil action, (ii) in which the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) is a class action in which any member of the class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A).

6. The Plaintiffs filed this class action Complaint under Rule 42 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, which authorizes an action to be brought by one or more representative persons as a class action suit. *See* Complaint, Exhibit 2, at ¶¶ 35-37.

7. The Complaint alleges that the proposed class consists of individuals “so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.” *Id.* at ¶ 36.

8. The Complaint alleges that the members of the Class include “all persons who have or [sic] purchased and consumed Aquafina bottled water, manufactured by Pepsi, and/or Dasani bottled water, manufactured Coca Cola [sic].” *Id.* at ¶ 35.

9. Although Plaintiffs do not plead specific damages on behalf of themselves or the class members, the amount in controversy, based upon the number of proposed class representatives, the claim concerning the size of the class, and the award sought of compensatory and punitive damages, including multiple damages under 17.50(b)(1) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, in the aggregate, is in excess of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interests and costs because:

a. Plaintiffs allege that the class they seek to represent consists of “all persons who have or [sic] purchased and consumed Aquafina bottled water, manufactured by Pepsi, and/or Dasani bottled water, manufactured Coca Cola [sic].” *Id.* at ¶ 35.

b. Plaintiffs did not limit the class members based upon their state of residence.

c. Plaintiffs do not allege any specific time period for the damages, and it is more likely than not that they will try to claim damages during the largest period permitted to them by law.

d. Plaintiffs allege, *inter alia*, that Defendants misled consumers by failing to disclose that the water for Aquafina and Dasani products “is obtained from the same sources as tap water which is readily available to the public for no cost,” (*id.* at ¶ 23) and they may argue that the class is entitled to recover the full amount (or very close to the full amount) that consumers paid overall for Aquafina and Dasani during any certified class period. *Id.* at ¶ 31 (seeking “Out-of-pocket expenses, including but not limited to the purchase price of the water”[sic]).

e. Plaintiffs are also seeking “multiple damages.” *Id.* at ¶¶ 32-34.

f. Plaintiffs may seek further punitive damages from Defendants. *Id.* at Prayer (seeking “such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity, whether pled or unpled.”)

g. Thus, Plaintiffs have placed in controversy an amount that in the aggregate exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

10. Based on Plaintiffs allegations in the Complaint, Plaintiffs and Defendants are not citizens of the same state. Plaintiffs allege that they are all residents of Texas. *Id.* at ¶¶ 2-14. Plaintiffs allege that Defendant PepsiCo is a North Carolina corporation with its principal place of business in New York State, and Defendant Coca-Cola is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Georgia. *Id.* at ¶¶ 15-16. Plaintiffs have therefore alleged that PepsiCo is a citizen of North Carolina and New York, and Coca-Cola is a citizen of Delaware and Georgia. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).

11. Because this is a civil action in which the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000 and is a class action in which any member of the class of plaintiffs is a

citizen of a State different from any defendant, the requirements for removal under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(2) and 1453(b) are satisfied.

12. Upon filing this Notice of Removal, Defendant PepsiCo will properly serve the Plaintiffs, through their counsel of record, and all other parties, with written notification of such removal and will file a Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the District Court of the 157th Judicial District of Harris County, Texas. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

13. In the event this Court should have any questions about the propriety of removal or may be inclined to remand this action, Defendants respectfully request that the Court issue an order to show cause why the case should not be remanded, affording the parties an opportunity to provide the Court with full briefing and argument.

14. Defendant Coca-Cola Company, Inc. has filed Special Exceptions and Original Answer on September 17, 2007. No motions filed by any party are pending in the State Court Action.

15. Pursuant to Local Rule 81 and 28 U.S.C. 1446(a), PepsiCo attaches all available documents which are required to be attached:

- Exhibit 1: An index of matters being filed (Local Rule 81(5));
- Exhibit 2: Plaintiffs' Original Petition (Local Rule 81(2));
- Exhibit 3: Coca Cola Company's Special Exceptions and Original Answer (Local Rule 81(2));
- Exhibit 4: The docket sheet (Local Rule 81(4)).
- Exhibit 5: A list of all counsel of record, including addresses, telephone numbers and parties represented (Local Rule 81(6)); and

WHEREFORE, Defendant PepsiCo respectfully requests that this Court enter such orders and grant such further relief as may be necessary to secure the removal of the State Court

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OVERVIEW OF THE CASE

23. This class action seeks redress for a nationwide scheme of consumer misrepresentation practices by Pepsi Co., Inc. ("Pepsi") and The Coca Cola Company, Inc. ("Coca-Cola") (Defendants are hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants") related to the marketing, labeling, and sale of bottled water. This complaint is brought on behalf of all persons who have or purchased and consumed Aquafina bottled water, manufactured by Pepsi, and/or Dasani bottled water, manufactured Coca Cola. Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages and other remedies for Defendants' fraudulent, unfair and deceptive acts and practices described herein in connection with

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the marketing, labeling and sale of Aquafina and Dasani bottled water. Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' knowingly engaged in misleading marketing practices, including not clearly identifying on the labels of their respective bottled waters, that the source of the water is the same source as public water, resulting in misleading Plaintiffs that said water comes from spring sources. Plaintiffs further allege that Defendants online information misrepresents and purposely obscures the fact that the water is obtained from the same sources as tap water which is readily available to the public for no cost. Plaintiffs allege that Pepsi's decision to label its Aquafina bottled water as "P.W.S.", and provide on its online site that its water is from "a source regulated by the EPA" is a knowing act designed to mislead and/or create a likelihood of confusion as to the source, standard, grade, characteristics and quality of its product. Plaintiffs allege that Coca Cola's label of "purified" water, and its online site information that its water is from "local sources" is a knowing act designed to mislead and/or create a likelihood of confusion as to the source, standard, quality, grade, characteristics and quality of its product.

24. Defendants engaged in unfair and deceptive conduct in which they purposely caused the likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding as to the source, standard, grade, characteristics and quality of their goods, and engaged in acts and practices which were deceptive to the consumer and to other persons.

25. Defendants intentionally created a false impression by their marketing schemes designed to mislead Plaintiffs or to obtain an undue advantage over them. Said false impression was made with knowledge of its falsity and with a fraudulent intent. Said impression and representation was to an existing fact which is material and Plaintiffs reasonably relied upon that false impression to their injury.

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COMMON LAW FRAUD

26. Plaintiff further shows that Defendants made material false representations to Plaintiff with the knowledge of their falsity or with reckless disregard of the truth with the intention that such representations be acted upon by Plaintiff, and that Plaintiff relied on these representations to her detriment.

27. Plaintiff would further show that Defendants concealed or failed to disclose material facts within the knowledge of Defendants, that Defendants knew that Plaintiff did not have knowledge of the same and did not have equal opportunity to discover the truth, and that Defendants intended to induce Plaintiff to enter into the transaction made the basis of this suit by such concealment or failure to disclose.

28. As a proximate result of such fraud, Plaintiff sustained the damages described more fully herein below.

NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

29. Plaintiff would show that Defendants supplied false information in the course of their business, profession or employment, or in the course of a transaction in which Defendants have a pecuniary interest, and that such information was supplied by Defendants for the guidance of Plaintiff in the transactions described hereinabove. Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care or competence in obtaining or communicating such information. Plaintiff avers that Plaintiff suffered pecuniary loss, described more fully hereinbelow, which was proximately caused by Plaintiff's justifiable reliance on such information.

30. Plaintiff therefore asserts a cause of action for negligent misrepresentation against Defendants, as provided by Federal Land Bank Association of Tyler v. Sloane, 825 S.W.2d 439 (Tex. 1991).

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ECONOMIC AND ACTUAL DAMAGES

31. Plaintiff sustained the following economic and actual damages as a result of the actions and/or omissions of Defendants described hereinabove:

- (a) Out-of-pocket expenses, including but not limited to the purchase price of the water
- (b) Loss of the "benefit of the bargain."

MULTIPLE DAMAGES

32. Plaintiff would show that the false, misleading and deceptive acts, practices and/or omissions complained of herein were committed "knowingly" in that Defendants had actual awareness of the falsity, deception, or unfairness of such acts, practices, and/or omissions.

33. Plaintiff further avers that such acts, practices, and/or omissions were committed "intentionally" in that Defendants specifically intended that Plaintiff act in detrimental reliance on the falsity or deception or in detrimental ignorance of the unfairness.

34. Therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to recover multiple damages as provided by 17.50(b)(1) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

CLASS ACTION

35. Plaintiff requests that the Court enter an order under Rule 42 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure permitting the maintenance of this lawsuit as a class action, and authorizing Plaintiff to represent the following class: all persons who have or purchased and consumed Aquafina bottled water, manufactured by Pepsi, and/or Dasani bottled water, manufactured Coca Cola. (herein, the "Class Plaintiffs").

36. In this regard, Plaintiff would show the following: (a) the Class Plaintiffs are so

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numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law or fact common to the class; (c) the claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class Plaintiffs; and (d) Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

37. Plaintiff would further show that this lawsuit is maintainable as a class action with respect to the Class Plaintiffs in that:

(a) The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the class which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the party opposing the class.

(b) The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of adjudications with respect to individual members of the class which would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudications or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

(c) The party opposing the class has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief to the class as a whole.

ATTORNEY'S FEES

38. Request is made for all costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees incurred by or on behalf of Plaintiff herein, including all fees necessary in the event of an appeal of this cause to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas, as the Court deems equitable and just, as provided by common law.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs, respectfully prays that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendants, jointly and severally, for the economic and actual damages requested hereinabove in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of



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the Court, together with prejudgment and postjudgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law, attorney's fees, costs of court, and such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity, whether pled or unpled.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Cause No. 2007-06392; *Christina Villa, et al v. PepsiCo, Inc., and the Coca Cola Co.; In the District Court 157th Judicial District of Harris County, TX*

Dear Mr. Bacarisse:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one copy Coca Cola Company's Special Exceptions and Original Answer.

Please indicate the date of filing by placing your file stamp on the enclosed extra copy and returning it to our courier.

By copy of this letter, a true and correct copy of the foregoing filing has been forwarded to all counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

Kevin D. Mohr

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Enclosure

cc: Jonathan Cox
402 Main St., 3 South
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CHRISTINA VILLA, ET AL.,
Plaintiffs,

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PEPSICO, INC., AND THE COCA
COLA COMPANY,

Defendants.

157TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Defendant Coca Cola Company ("Coca-Cola") files its Special Exceptions and Original Answer to the claims asserted in Plaintiffs' Original Petition (the "Petition"), and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court the following:

1. Pursuant to Rule 91 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Coca Cola specially excepts to the Petition and asks this Court to dismiss Plaintiffs' claims with prejudice. Plaintiffs' claims are expressly preempted by Section 403A of the Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, which prohibits states from "directly or indirectly establish[ing]...any requirement for a food which is the subject of a [federal] standard of identity...that is not identical to such standard of identity," unless the state first obtains an exemption from the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). 21 U.S.C. § 343-1. The FDA has promulgated a standard of identity for bottled water that establishes, among other things, when water may be described as "purified" and when the source of the water must be identified. *See* 21 C.F.R. § 165.110. Plaintiffs' Petition does not assert that Coca-Cola sold water labeled as "purified" that does not comply with the FDA's standard of identity for purified water. Rather, the Petition alleges that Coca Cola violated state law by

selling water labeled as "purified" without including additional information about the water's source. Because the FDA has specifically decided *not* to require the information that the Petition asserts Coca Cola should have included, Plaintiffs' Petition seeks to establish a state-law requirement for bottled water that is not identical to the standard of identity established by the FDA. No applicable exception has been granted by the FDA, and thus, Plaintiffs' claims are expressly preempted by 21 U.S.C. § 343-1. Coca Cola will submit a memorandum of law in support of this Special Exception.

2. Coca Cola specially excepts to paragraphs 32-34 of the Petition, which seek "multiple damages" as provided by Section 17.50(b)(1) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. That statute authorizes the imposition of multiple damages under limited circumstances "[i]n a suit filed under this section...." See Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 17.50(b). Plaintiffs have not asserted a claim under Section 17.50 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, and thus cannot recover multiple damages under Section 17.50(b)(1) of that statute.

GENERAL DENIAL

3. Subject to its Special Exception, and pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant Coca Cola denies generally each and every allegation in Defendant's Original Petition and demands strict proof thereof.

DEFENSES

4. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statutes of limitations.

5. Any award of punitive or multiple damages in this case would violate the Due Process Clause, Equal Protection Clause, and/or the Excessive Fines Clause of the United States Constitution and Texas Constitution.


6. Any claim for punitive or multiple damages is penal in nature and Coca Cola is entitled to the same procedural safeguards afforded to criminal defendants under the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and of the Constitution of the State of Texas, including the requirement of proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

7. Any claim for punitive or multiple damages is barred to the extent that Plaintiffs do not satisfy the standards for recovery described in Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. Defendants adopt and incorporate herein all defenses available to it under Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Coca Cola Company prays that Plaintiffs take nothing, that this Court dismiss Plaintiffs' claims with prejudice, and that the Court grant any and all other relief that it may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on September 17, 2007, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument was served to counsel for Plaintiff in accordance with Rules 21 and 21a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure by certified mail addressed as follows:

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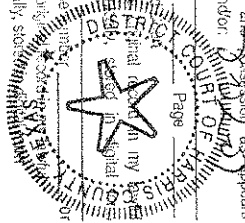
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant PepsiCo, Inc. ("PepsiCo") files this Supplemental Notice of Removal.

1. On September 20, 2007, PepsiCo filed a Notice of Removal.
2. PepsiCo attached to the Notice of Removal all available documents which were required to be attached pursuant to Southern District of Texas Local Rule 81.
3. Plaintiffs purported to serve PepsiCo through substituted service on the Texas Secretary of State. An executed citation was not available to PepsiCo at the time PepsiCo removed. The state court file clerks did not receive the return of service on the Texas Secretary of State until September 21, 2007.

4. PepsiCo has now obtained the citation and return of service and is filing them pursuant to Local Rule 81(1).

5. PepsiCo is also filing the citation and return of service on The Coca Cola Company Inc.

6. This Supplemental Notice of Removal is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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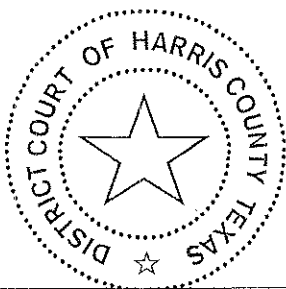
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Affiant

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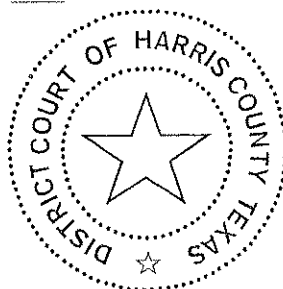
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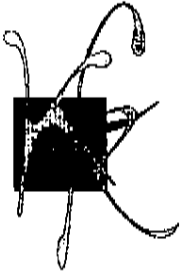
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09/20/2007	1	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from 157th Judicial District Court, Harris County, Texas, case number 2007-46796 (Filing fee \$ 350 receipt number 3053384) filed by Pepsico, Inc.. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1# 2 Exhibit 2# 3 Exhibit 3# 4 Exhibit 4# 5 Exhibit 5)(Carter, Johnny) (Entered: 09/20/2007)
09/20/2007	2	Civil Cover Sheet by Pepsico, Inc., filed.(Carter, Johnny) (Entered: 09/20/2007)
09/20/2007	3	Certificate of Notice of Removal by Pepsico, Inc., filed.(Carter, Johnny) (Entered: 09/20/2007)
09/21/2007	4	ORDER for Initial Pretrial and Scheduling Conference and Order to Disclose Interested Persons. Initial Conference set for 11/14/2007 at 02:00 PM in Courtroom 702 before Magistrate Judge Stephen Smith.(Signed by Judge David Hittner) Parties notified.(smurdock,) (Entered: 09/21/2007)
09/21/2007	5	SUPPLEMENT by Pepsico, Inc., filed. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 - Pepsico Citation# 2 Exhibit 2 - Coca Cola Citation)(Carter, Johnny) (Entered: 09/21/2007)
09/21/2007	6	Certificate of Supplemental Notice of Removal by Pepsico, Inc., filed.(Carter, Johnny) (Entered: 09/21/2007)

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EXHIBIT H

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August 29, 2007

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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Re: *Notice Under California Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Civil
Code Sections 1750, et seq.*

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with the requirements of the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code Sections 1750, *et seq.*), ("CLRA") we write on behalf of our client, Amanda Litschke, individually and as a representative of all other persons similarly situated.

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BACKGROUND

Ms. Litschke has for many years purchased Aquafina water. She has purchased it both at gas stations and supermarkets for consumption by her and her family. At all times Ms. Litschke was under the impression that the Aquafina water was from a natural source. She was led to this impression by the label on the bottle depicting mountains, and the label claim of "pure water, perfect taste." Ms. Litschke recently became aware that in fact Aquafina is tap water put through a filter process. Ms. Litschke believes that she and others in her position have as a result purchased a product that has been falsely advertised to them and represented to them as being something it is not: namely, a natural water product bottled at an original natural source as opposed to something drawn from the public water system, i.e., tap water. Had Ms. Litschke, and others in her situation, known of the true facts relating to Aquafina, she would not have purchased the product.

Pursuant to Civil Code Section 1782, you are hereby notified of the following:

VIOLATIONS OF THE CLRA

1. PepsiCo, Inc., The Bottling Group, LLC, The Pepsi Bottling Group, Inc. (collectively "defendants") manufacture, bottle and sell Aquafina water throughout the United States. Defendants, through the label representation of mountains, as well as the failure to disclose that it is tap water, lead consumers to falsely believe that Aquafina water comes from a natural, original source, as opposed to a public water system.
2. These acts constitute violations of Sections 1750, *et seq.* of the Civil Code in that they:
 - A. Misrepresent the source, sponsorship, approval or certification of goods or services (violation of Section 1770(a)(1) of the CLRA);
 - B. Us[e] deceptive representations or designations of geographic origin in connection with goods or services (violation of Section 1770(a)(5) of the CLRA);
 - C. Represent that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, uses or benefits which they do not have (violation of Section 1770(a)(5) of the CLRA); and
 - D. Represent that goods or service are of a particular standard, quality or grade when, in fact, they are of another. (violation of Section 1770(a)(7) of the CLRA.

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As a result, Ms. Litschke and all consumers who are similarly situated have been damaged. Under Civil Code section 1782, defendants are required, within thirty (30) days following receipt of this letter, to correct, repair, replace, or otherwise rectify the goods alleged to be in violation.

Defendants must ensure that (1) all consumers similarly situated have been identified (or, that defendants have made a reasonable effort to identify all such consumers), (2) that such consumers have been notified that upon their request, defendants will provide them with an appropriate remedy including, but not limited to, reimbursement for Aquafina water purchased pursuant to defendants' false representations and restitution to Ms. Litschke and other consumers similarly situated of all monies obtained under the false pretenses set forth herein and (3) that defendants will within a reasonable time provide such a remedy.

If such action is not taken within thirty (30) days, Ms. Litschke will commence an action pursuant to the Consumer Legal Remedies Act on behalf of herself and others similarly situated.

Sincerely,

KERSHAW, CUTTER & RATINOFF LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Brooks Cutter', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

C. BROOKS CUTTER

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EXHIBIT I

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

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TERRI MANSKER, and MICHAEL)	
ALDRIDGE, on behalf of themselves and all)	
others similar situated,)	
)	No. 2:07-cv-02514-BBD-dkv
Plaintiffs,)	Jury Demanded
)	
v.)	
)	
PEPSICO CO., INC., and)	
)	
THE COCA-COLA COMPANY, INC.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ALL
DEFENDANTS TO FILE RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR STATEWIDE
CLASS CERTIFICATION UNTIL THE COURT RESOLVES THE MOTION TO STAY
PROCEEDINGS, OR ALTERNATIVELY, THE MOTION TO DISMISS**

Before the court is the August 23, 2007 motion of the defendant PepsiCo Co., Inc. for an extension of time in which defendants have to respond to the plaintiffs' motion for statewide class certification until the motion for stay proceedings, or alternatively, the motion to dismiss is resolved by the court. A phone conference was held Friday, August 24, 2007. Participating were Buckner Wellford, W. Michael Richards, and Michael Lazaroff (with permission), counsel for Pepsi Co., Inc.; Sharon Loy, Ricky Wilkins, and Gina Higgins, counsel for the plaintiffs; and

Mary Hale, counsel for The Coca Cola Company, Inc.

For the reasons stated at the conference, the court finds the motion is well-taken. Accordingly, the time for defendants to file a response to the plaintiffs' motion for class certification is extended until the court resolves the motion to stay the proceedings or motion to dismiss, whichever occurs first, at which time the court will set a scheduling conference to establish a response deadline.

The scheduling conference set for September 20, 2007, is continued.

It is so ordered this 27th day of August, 2007.

s/ Diane K. Vescovo

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE